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SUBJECT: HAMDI ASSERTS HIS AUTHORITY

1. SEVERAL RECENT AND PLANNED MOVES BY PRESIDENT HAMDI INDICATE THAT HE NOW TAKING STRONGER LINE WITH HIS OPPONENTS.

2. ON MAY 22, WHILE HASHID PARAMOUNT SHAIKH ABDALLAH AL-AHMAR OUT OF COUNTRY ON VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA, ARMY COLUMN ENTERED TERRITORY OF BANI MATAR WEST OF SANA AND SEIZED SIZEABLE QUANTIFY OF ARMS INCLUDING CACHE IN HOUSE OF TRIBES'S PARAMOUNT SHAIKH AHMAD ALI AL-MATARI WHO IS AL-AHMAR'S CLOSED'S TRIBAL FRIEND AND SUPPORTER.

3. ACCORDING TWO REPORTS RECEIVED MARCH 24, HAMDI HAS ORDERED ANOTHER ARMY COLUMN TO PROCEED TO NORTHERN TOWN OF HAJJA TO BRING BACK FORMER DEP CIC LTC ABU SHAWARIB "DEAD OR ALIVE". LATTER HAS REFUSED ORDERS TO REPORT TO SANA, HAS SET UP ROAD BLOCKS AROUND HAJJA, AND IS ACCUSED OF HAVING BROKEN INTO THE HAJJA OFFICE OF YEMEN BANK AND TAKEN A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY. HE IS OF COURSE AL-AHMAR'S BROTHER-IN-LAW.

4. HAMDI HAS ALSO REACTED STRONGLY TO INCOOPERATIVENESS MANY SHAIKHS WHO HAVE STYMID PREPARATIONS FOR NEW
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ELECTIONS AND DESIRED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS (ONE OF WHICH

WOULD LOWER AGE OF PRESIDENT TO MAKE HAMDI ELIGIBLE) BY BOYCOTTING
CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY WHICH CONSEQUENTLY UNABLE MUSTER
NECESSARY QUORUM. IN RESPONSE HAMDI IS THREATENING
TO DISSOLVE ASSEMBLY AND PASS THESE LEGISLATIVE CHANGES BY
NATIONAL REFERENDUM.

5. COMMENT. HAMDI IS DECISIVE BUT NOT RASH MAN. WE ASSUME HE
NOW FEELS CONFIDENT OF SAG SUPPORT AND AWARE OF AL-AHMAR'S
WEAKNESS WITH MANY OF LATTER'S OWN TRIBAL FOLLOWERS UNWILLING
SUPPORT HIM. MILITARY MOVES AGAINST AL-AHMAR'S BROTHER-
IN-LAW AND CLOSEST TRIBAL SUPPORT ARE GRAVE BLOW TO AL-AHMAR'S
POSITION IF HIS PROTECTION CAN BE SEEN AS INEFFECTIVE EVEN
FOR HIS CLOSEST ASSOCIATES.
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